

money for the purpose was made, and recently one of Queen's "Paragon Projectors" has been purchased and has already proved invaluable in the work of class illustration. The electric wires had already been introduced into the building in connection with the reception given on the 26th of last January, in honour of their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen, so that very little additional expenditure was needed to render the current available for the lantern.

Through the kindness of Sir Donald A. Smith, a number of valuable charts, lantern slides, etc., have been obtained for the zoological department under Dr. Deeks. A grant from the fund provided by Mr. J. H. R. Molson has also enabled Dr. Adams to obtain four of Heim's admirable geological models made at Zurich, in Switzerland, and showing the details of a glacier, a volcano, etc.

In the herbarium the increase during the past few years has progressed rapidly, and has necessitated the addition of a new series of cases. During the year seven hundred sheets of specimens have been distributed, and about four thousand more are now in course of distribution. These additions, which have been possible only through the medium of the J. H. R. Molson fund for the purchase of new specimens, have proved most important additions to our resources, and include, chiefly, plants from Bolivia, Florida, Texas, Mexico and the Sandwich Islands, as also donations of Australian plants from Baron von Mueller. The work arising out of these additions has been performed in a most satisfactory manner, during the early part of the year, by Miss E. Tatley and more recently by Miss F. R. Angus, who has proved most efficient in the discharge of her duties.

With the extension of the herbarium, this section of the Museum is yearly increasing in importance as a means of scientific resource, and during the past year it has proved of signal service in the prosecution of special studies in Paleobotany, which are continuously in progress, as also in promoting special studies relative to the structure and classification of the North American Coniferae.

Several important additions to the collection of woods have been made during the year, while valuable specimens illustrating the economic application of various plant products, have also been added.

During the year a number of important additions have been made to the mineral collection by purchase and donation, and were more cases available the collection could be greatly expanded and made more useful to students than at present. A desideratum is also a suitable case in which to display the beautiful glass models of crystals obtained some time ago from Germany. The two specimens of fossil reptiles from England are, in their present condition, in danger of being seriously injured and should have suitable cases provided for them.